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Classified By: Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Political Counselor, for Reasons 1  
.4 (b) and (d)

11. (C) We delivered reftel A demarche to Juan Manuel Linares, MFA Deputy DG for UN Affairs, on July 13 and to Alberto Moreno, MFA Deputy DG for Middle East Affairs, on July 14. Both stated that they could not commit to a position on the proposed UNGA resolution, as the EU had not yet decided on a common policy, but that the GOS's inclination was to abstain.

Both also mentioned that a final decision would have to wait until FM Moratinos returned from the EU Foreign Ministers' meeting in Brussels. (Before receipt of reftel A, we had raised our concerns with Alvaro Iranzo, the new MFA Director General for the Middle East and North Africa - see reftel B)

12. (C) Linares stated that he personally sees the Palestinian resolution as "unhelpful" to the peace process and Road Map. He added that Spain would like to see the issue go away before it reaches the UN Security Council, as it would most likely be addressed in September when Spain has the UNSC presidency. They would prefer the issue not come up on their watch.

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